THE FRONT PORCH

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A word from your Mayor...

Greetings to all of you and I hope you are having a good summer. There are a few items I would like to mention in this month's newsletter.

First, I would like to thank everyone that is abiding by the garage sale ordinance and especially the sign ordinance. Intersections and the main streets are looking much better because of the large reduction in garage sale signs posted. Many of you have been taking advantage of the City's website for posting sales as well as the staytonevents.com website. Thank you.

Also it appears that we have a large number of people running for the Stayton mayor and Stayton city council positions that will be on the ballot in November. The filing deadline will be passed by the time you read this, but as of now it appears three people will be running for mayor and possibly five for three city council positions. People can still file as I write this so I am not sure of the accuracy of these numbers.

The council is still working on how to fund a street improvement package and will look at a proposed ordinance at its September 20th meeting. It seems that the public is very interested in fixing the streets and yet the willingness to pay the price is questionable. Your input and comments are always welcome.

Thanks to the Stayton/Sublimity Chamber of Commerce for again putting on a wonderful SummerFest event. It was great fun and a chance to mix with old and new friends.

As always, the Council, Staff and I are available to take recommendations and answer questions.

Gerry Aboud

Calendar

City Council (1st & 3rd Mon): Sept 07 & Sept 20, Oct 04 & Oct 18; 7pm; Community Center

<u>Planning Commission (Last Mon): Sept 27 & Oct 25; 7pm;</u> Community Center

<u>Parks Board</u> (1st Tue): Sept 07 & Oct 05; 7 pm; E.G. Siegmund Meeting Room/Library

<u>Library Board</u> (3rd Wed): Sept 15 & Oct 20; 6pm; E.G. Siegmund Meeting Room/Library

Commissioner's Breakfast (2nd Tue):Sept 14 & Oct 12; 7:30am; Covered Bridge Café'

<u>Comprehensive Plan Committee</u> (Last Wed): Sept 29 & Oct 27; 7pm; E. G. Siegmund Meeting Room/Library

<u>Low Interest Loans Available for</u> <u>Residential Home Improvements</u>

Is your home in need of repair? New furnace, insulation, or safety improvements? The City of Stayton Housing Rehabilitation Program has funding available for home improvements for income-qualified home owners. Properties must be owner-occupied and the owners must meet the guidelines as low or moderate income households.

The loans may be used to repair or replace roofing, plumbing and electrical problems, carpet or linoleum, painting, dry-rot, foundation repairs. The maximum loan amount is \$25,000. No monthly payments are required – the loan is repaid from the proceeds of the sale. An interest rate of 3% is charged for the first three years and following that no interest accrues.

The funds for the Program come from a Community Development Block Grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. For more information, contact Dan Fleishman, Director of Planning of Development at (503) 769-2998. Applications for a loan may be received from Charlie Amberson at the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, (503) 588-6177.

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- * See a one year history of your utility account online.
- * Set up one time or recurring payments
- * You can also pay by check, credit card or debit card.



Garage sale listings

*The City now posts all permitted garage sales on our website.

*Print the updated list every week right from your home. *Get your garage sale permit early to guarantee your sale is on the list!



Sign up for Stayton's for city announcements email list

*Stay informed, get on our email list!



FREE LIBRARY EVENT!

Oregon Poet Laureate, Paulann Peterson will be coming to the Stayton Public Library on Oct 20, 2010 at 7 pm. The program is free and will be held in the E.G. Siegmund meeting room.



Oregon's Poet Laureate program is a collaborative project of the state's five cultural partners, Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Historical Society, Oregon Humanities, and State Historic Preservation Office, with funding from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

The Stayton/Sublimity Police Department is participating in a Drug Turn in Event. When: September 25th, 2010

10:00am to 2:00pm Where: Stayton Public Library



WHAT TO BRING TO THE COLLECTION

- Expired or unwanted prescription medications*
- Unneeded over-the-counter medicines*
- ☐ Drugs that didn't work for you, a family member, or pet
- ☑ Drugs that are no longer used
- ☑ Unknown tablets and capsules

(*Leave all medicines in their original containers if possible) Please do NOT bring thermometers, needles, or medical waste of any type. ^^^^^

Activities at the Stayton Public Library:

Adults: Sat. Sept. 11, 4:30 pm SCRAPBOOKING (and knitting)

For ages 13 & up; Cricut machine on hand for use.

Teens: No Sept. activities planned. In October we will be Celebrating Teen Read Week (Oct. 17—23rd); theme is "Books with Beat" for ages 12 to 18; poetry contest, Audio book café, & much more. Look for signs @ the Library.

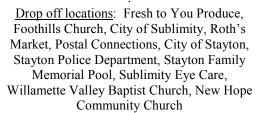
Youth: Summer Reading Program was a huge success with over 285 kids reaching their reading goals!

Pre-School Age: Storytime begins September 14th! Tuesday & Thursday @ 10am

Toddlers/Babies: Singing & Dancing-Music Mondays @ 11am All ages: Storytime - Tuesday @ 3:30pm

SCTC 6th Annual **Summer Food Drive!**

Donations accepted August thru September 10, 2010! Nonperishable, canned food and toiletry items only!



Donations go to support your local Stayton Food Bank!

OTHER EVENTS IN TOWN...

★Santiam Senior Center:

On-going activities: Tues. Noon—Cribbage;

Wed. 11am−Knitting &

Crocheting;

Wed. 1 pm-Pinochle; Thurs. 1 pm—Bingo

September Senior Center Activities:

7th, card making 9-11 am, \$5 14th foot care/hair cuts

> 10am-11:45am & 1-3pm (service charges);

21st Forest History

Presentation 10 am FREE; 28th Potluck & Birthday Celebration @ Noon

♦ SCTC Community **Appreciation Day**:

Have lunch with SCTC on Friday, September 10, 2010 11am to 2pm, Corner of 1st Ave & Marion Street. *Don't forget your

food bank donations!

Monday, September 6th!





